

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2219 - HB 2376

February 1, 2002

SUMMARY OF BILL: Extends current law regarding the transport of persons to regional mental health institutes (RMHI) to five additional counties, Davidson, Hamilton, Knox, Rutherford and Sullivan. The current law covers only Shelby County and requires the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities to provide return transportation for prisoners delivered to the institutes for evaluation. Current law requires the local county, except in Shelby County, to provide return transportation. The change in current law also relieves these counties from providing security when a prisoner is delivered to the RMHI.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$422,300 Recurring
Decrease Local Govt. Expenditures - Less Than \$100,000

Assumes a need in the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities for 12 additional security positions in the RMHIs on a 24-hour/7-day basis. Because local law enforcement staff will no longer be required to stay at the facility to provide security, DHDD will be responsible for security and will also be required to provide return transportation in those cases where admissions are not made. Because of these changes there will be some savings to the local counties involved, but the savings are estimated to be less than \$100,000.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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